Division of Social Sciences

S. Erving Severtson Research Fellowship
Forest Foundation Undergraduate Research Program, 2022/2023

In May 2000, a grant was awarded to the Division of Social Sciences for a student-faculty research program to honor S. Erving Severtson. Endowed by the Forest Foundation, the grant seeks to encourage joint student and faculty research by providing financial assistance. For student researchers, the grant covers up to $500 per project for travel and other project expenses and a $2500 award payment per student. Faculty are also eligible for up to $1100 for travel and other project expenses per project. The competitive application process is open to any interested faculty in the Division of Social Sciences and declared Social Sciences majors. To apply, the faculty project coordinator must submit a completed application package (a separate application is required for each Severtson project) comprised of both faculty and student application forms and student transcripts to Carol Reed in Xavier 112 no later than 3:00 pm, April 26, 2022. The Severtson project cannot be identical to the student's capstone project. The Division of Social Sciences Chairs' Council will review all submissions and notify applicants of its decisions by May 3, 2022. By its very nature, the Social Sciences Chairs Council is an interdisciplinary group of scholars. Prepare your application materials with this audience in mind.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

♦ Thoroughness and completeness of the application.

♦ Merit of project.

♦ Appropriateness for student involvement.

♦ Likelihood that research will lead to publication.

♦ While applications from any full time faculty will be considered, recently hired tenure track faculty and tenured faculty initiating research in new areas will receive higher priority.

♦ Student information such as academic record and career goals will be considered.

♦ The experience/ability of the student to complete the research will be considered.

♦ Second and subsequent applications from the same professor will receive lower priority.

If selected, all student work on the project must be performed between the dates of June 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023. (As a guide, the amount of effort in the project should be equivalent to two advanced 4-credit hour courses). In addition, each student is expected to:

♦ Meet regularly with her or his faculty research coordinator.

♦ Write a research report (or other appropriate concluding product) to be delivered to the Dean's office no later than the last day of Spring classes.

Student Researchers will receive 50% ($1,250) of their award payment by the end of September 2022. The remaining 50% ($1,250) will be disbursed upon the completion of the project, as confirmed by the faculty supervisor, no later than the end of May 2023. Travel and other project expenses (up to $500) will be reimbursed only to a currently enrolled student upon submission of original receipts.